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The 100 acres nominated are part of a larger acreage (250) which is farmed as a unit; the 100 acres is sufficient to protect the farm surroundings and entrance to the house.

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Fairview is of great architectural importance on two counts. It is a great Federal-period mansion, retaining some of the best features of that period, as well as being a unique Greek Revival structure in a land where few remain or were constructed. Furthermore, the box garden, although presently undergoing very severe blight damage, is a superior example of an early 19th century formal garden.

Andrew Skinner was granted 1530 acres, bearing date in London of July 2, 1649, and with alterations as remaining on record in Maryland, by declaration the 26th of August, 1651 (17/474, 1729). In 1663 Skinner was awarded a Proprietor's Patent for "Huntington," 300 acres (Patent 4/558). It has always been assumed that this was the land on which Fairview was established. This is in error, as Skinner sold Huntington the following year, 1664, to John and William Shaw (1/10), and it is the present site of Wheatlands, further up the St. Michaels River. It is uncertain how or when Andrew Skinner acquired this acreage, though he was described in a deed of sale in 1668 (1/33), as being of "the St. Michaels River." His original grant included lands on the Choptank and Chester Rivers, as well as the St. Michaels, so it is probable that from these many tracts, he chose this lovely point for his homesite.

Very little is known of the early years of this family. They seem to have settled in as planters, and not been concerned with government or politics. One deed of sale from Andrew Skinner, in 1669 (1/86), reserves 57 square perches for "lumber to finish the mill." There is a record of the marriage of Andrew Skinner to Anne Snedon in 1669 (Archives of Md., Vol. LIV).

The son of this, or an earlier marriage, also named Andrew, married Elizabeth Feddiman. He left a will in 1717 (5/35), in which he devised his lands to his sons, Andrew and Richard. Richard, when he died in 1746 was survived by his wife, Katherine, three sons and several daughters. The two older sons, Andrew and Richard, were given an equal division of his lands "that lie between the St. Michaels River and Bear Point Creek, or Leeds Case". Andrew was given the tract to the west of a north/south dividing lands this was the "homesite," for in 1748 his widow, Katherine, married Hugh Pice, who was living here in 1769.

Andrew, Richard's son, probably pursued the life of a mariner. He was

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

married in Charlestown, Massachusetts to Anne Sutton in 1759 (Charlestown Genealogies and Estates, p.870). Their two sons were baptized there, Richard in 1761 and Andrew in 1763. One can only speculate as to what happened to the father, Andrew, and his eldest son, Richard. However, in 1769, Thomas Ray and James Benson were appointed to give an evaluation of the estate of Andrew Skinner, orphan, now in the care of Hugh Rice (20/18). From this account, it is evident that his mother, Anne, was also there. The description of the dwelling house with two brick chimneys, and gabled ends, covered with jointed shingles and weather-boarded with plank, 41 ft. long and 20 ft. wide, as well as the other numerous outbuildings, exactly matches that in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax. This house is still standing and has been incorporated as a wing of the larger brick house. From these gleanings, this wing was undoubtedly built prior to 1747 by Richard Skinner.

Andrew Skinner, the orphan, eventually married Elizabeth Harrison of Dorchester County. It was they who built the beautiful brick mansion. No doubt, it was she who laid out the magnificent boxwood gardens on the water side of the house, though some believe the gardens are even earlier. It is possible that Andrew's mother, Anne, married to Hugh Rice (see Accounts 69/22, 1773, of Hugh and Anne Rice, of the estate of Andrew Skinner, late of Talbot County), or perhaps Katherine, Richard's wife, may have started them.

In any case, Andrew survived his wife, Elizabeth, and lived until 1843. By his will (JP9/283), he devised Fairview, with 250 acres, to his son, Robert Sutton Skinner. At that time his estate was valued at \$19,802.38 (Administrations JP19/129).

Robert Skinner moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and sold the property to his son-in-law, Thomas E. Williams, in 1848 (61/469). The Williams sold it the following year to their cousin, Thomas Harrison Oliver. It was Oliver who added more than 150 different species of trees to the plantings. Today these have matured and make a superb setting for the old mansion. (Scarborough, p. 322.)

Thomas and Alicia Lloyd Oliver sold the plantation, Fairview, 250 acres, to Olive and Samuel Wales in 1914. Adjoining acreage was included (Survey, 1914, by Kastenhuber & Anderson). This marked the first ownership outside the Skinner or related families since 1663.

The Wales made a particular effort towards enlarging and maintaining the gardens. They retained the property until 1934 when Than Vaniman Ranck purchased it (230/311). His daughter, Mrs. Doris Ranck Rend, inherited Fairview, and she, too, has added selective plantings of prize-winning daffodils and camellias to the garden.

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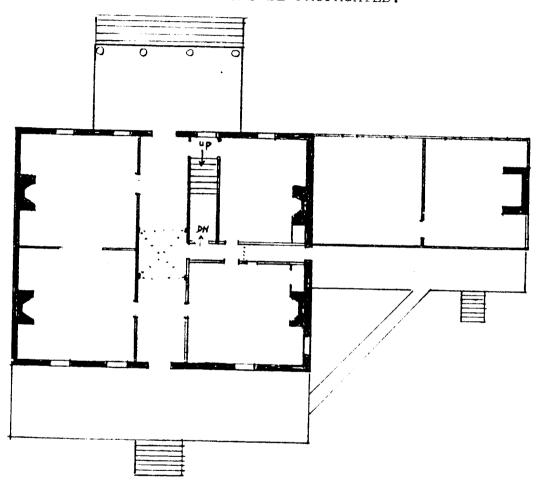
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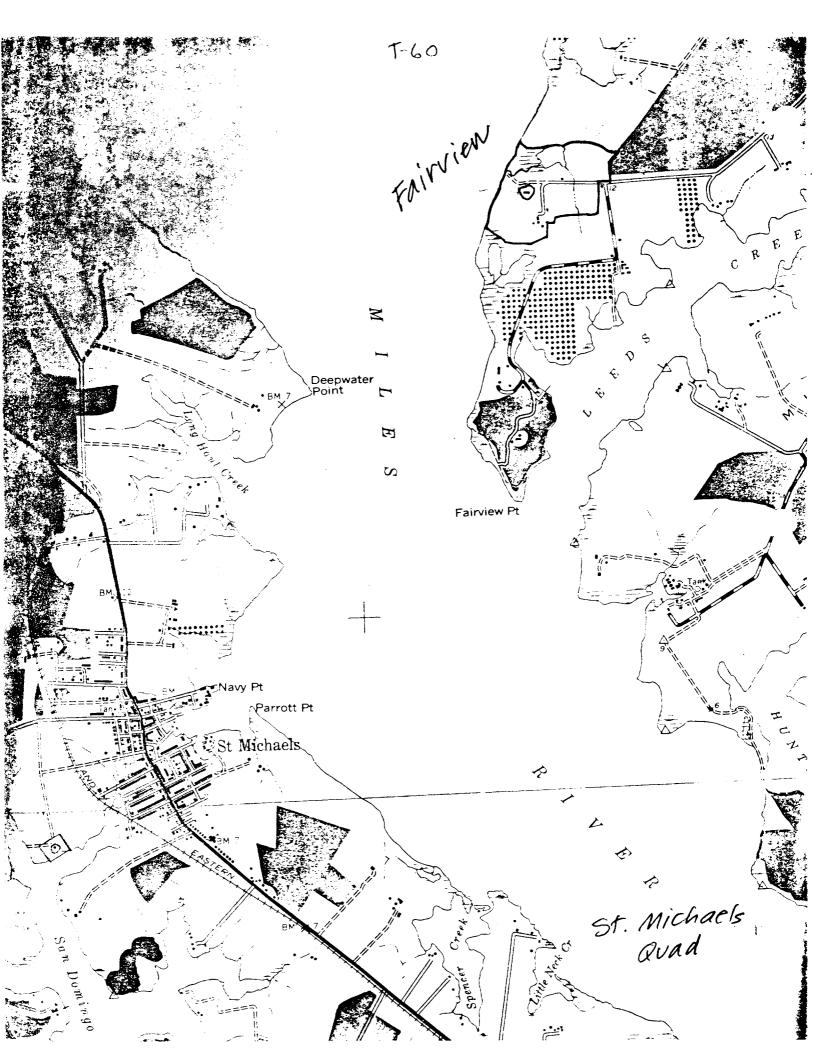


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Talbot County

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fairview is of great architectural importance on two counts. It is a great Federal period mansion, retaining some of the best features of that period as well as being a unique Greek Revival structure in a land where few remain or were constructed. Furthermore, the box garden, although presently undergoing very severe blight damage, is a superior example of an early 19th century formal garden.

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10 G	EOGRAPHICAL DATA		
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY 1. STATE Maryland INVENTORY T - 60COUNTY Talbot VICINITY Tunis Mills 2. NAME TOWN Easton Fairview (Huntington) STREET NO. Copperville Road DATE OR PERIOD 1780's and 1860's ORIGINAL OWNER Andrew Skinner STYLE Federal ORIGINAL USE dwell in q ARCHITECT Mrs. Doris Rend PRESENT OWNER BUILDER PRESENTUSE dwelling 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

two

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Fairview is a two story brick house which was built in the 1780's and was remodeled in the mid 19th century with the raising of the root and the addition of a doric portico. It is five bays long and two bays deep with a two story, four bay frame kitchen wing. The brick is laid in Flemish bond and above the windows are flat arches. Louvered shutters are on all of the windows. The garden facade is only three bays long. The approach facade has been altered withthe widening of the door and lengthening of the windows.

About half of the original woodwork has remained untouched. The chair rail in the hall has egg and dart motif on the upper molding and fluted surface beneath. Also in the center hall are two arches with fluted pilasters placed where a corridor leads to the kitchenfron the hall. East of the corridor is adining room with simple Federal Exterior good 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endongered good Interior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

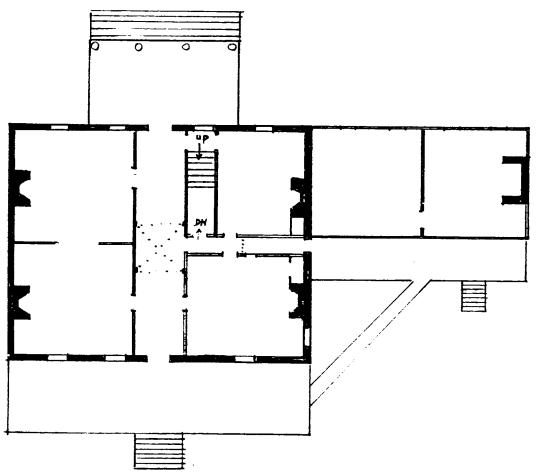
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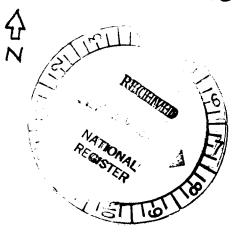
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woodwork and to the west is a small parlor and an enclosed stair. The two parlors to the south of the center hall were remodeled in the mid 19th century.

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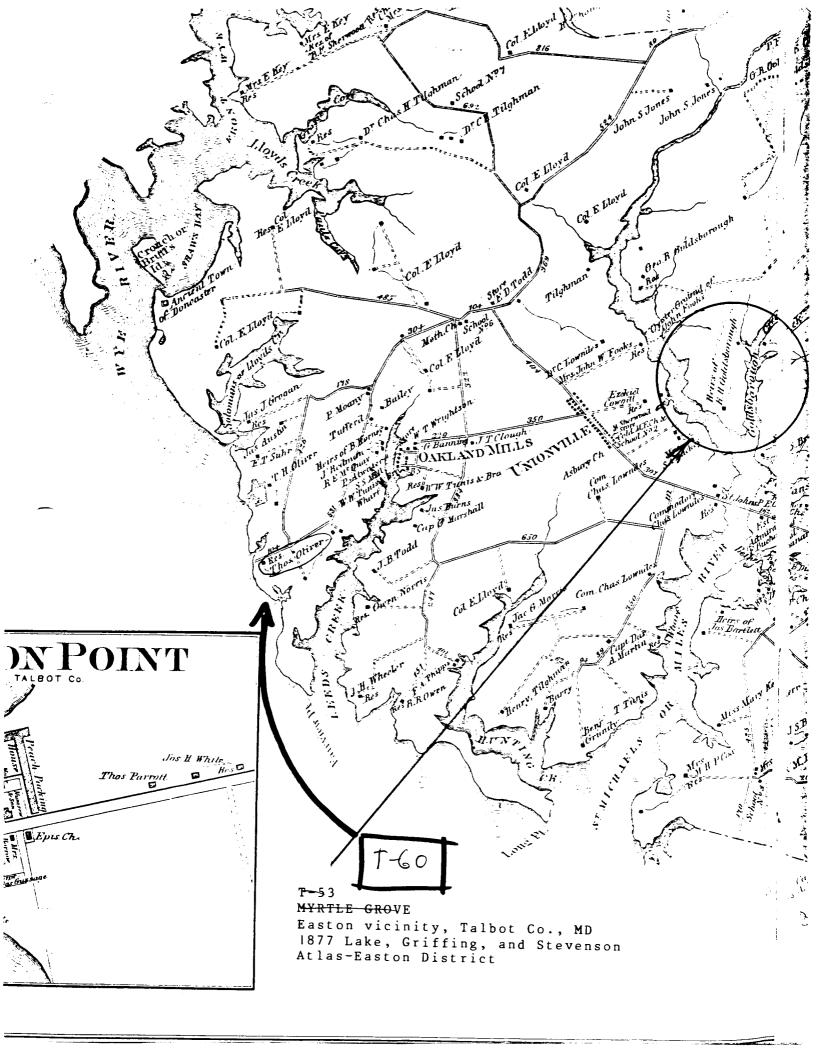


FAIRVIEW

Talbot County

No Scale - ( then wing uncertain)

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Fairview
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